

Amendments to the claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

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6. (canceled)

4. 7. (currently amended) A window Window wiper ,in particular flat beam window wiper for vehicles, comprising: having a spring strip back (10) that exhibits a variable strip thickness (d) across the length of the back (l), having a connecting device (11) situated in the middle on the spring strip back (10) for a wiper arm (12), and having a rubber-elastic wiper strip (13) fastened to the spring strip back (10), characterized in that wherein the spring strip back (10) is refined in such a way that it exhibits a quasi constant course of strength or hardness along the length of the back.

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2. 8. (currently amended) The window Window wiper according to Claim 4 7, characterized in that wherein the spring strip back (10) is heated to a hardening temperature in a continuous operation, then quenched and, to temper it, heated to a tempering temperature in such a way that it does not reach the tempering temperature until immediately before it leaves the a tempering zone.

3. 9. (currently amended) The window Window wiper according to Claim 2 8, characterized in that wherein the tempering zone is divided into multiple temperature zones, and that wherein the spring strip back (10) is moved through the temperature zones in such a way that it passes last through one of the temperature zones last that brings about the tempering temperature.

[4.] 10. (currently amended) The window Window-wiper according to Claim 3 9, characterized in that wherein the length of the last temperature zone in the a pass-through direction of the spring strip back (10) is coordinated with the a pass-through speed of the spring strip back (10) in such a way that the spring strip material reaches the tempering temperature as late as possible.

5. 11. (currently amended) The window Window wiper according to Claim 2 8, characterized in that wherein the spring strip is heated using thermal radiation.

6. 12. (currently amended) The window Window wiper according to Claim 3 9, characterized in that wherein the last temperature zone in the a pass-through direction of the spring strip back (10) is thermally well isolated from the preceding temperature zones.